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S. No. (1)

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F.R.

Last October our Embassy in Tokyo had informed us that General Fujiwara wanted to present to the Indian Embassy a Japanese sword which was given to Netaji in 1943. We advised our Embassy to accept the sword and then send it to the Netaji Museum in Calcutta. The sword was presented to our Embassy in Tokyo on February 17 and General Fujiwara who is visiting India is carrying the sword with him and wishes to hand it over to the Netaji Museum at Calcutta. Shri Sisir Bose of the Netaji Research Bureau has now written to the Prime Minister saying that the presentation ceremony at Calcutta will take place on March 19 and that the Governor of West Bengal has been invited to preside over the ceremony. Shri Bose has suggested that the sword should be received with appropriate military honours and has requested that instructions be issued to military authorities in Calcutta to arrange for a Guard of Honour for receiving this relic.

2. While Netaji's sword is a relic of historic importance and should be accepted and kept in the Netaji Museum, the appropriateness of arranging a Guard of Honour by our army on this occasion has to be considered separately. The Ministry of Defence may have their own views in this matter. It is quite possible that the Defence Ministry might not like to officially honour the military relic of a leader, who, technically speaking, organised a military force from the Indian prisoners of war to fight the Indian army. They might also feel that from the point of view of army discipline, a "rebel" should not be honoured in this manner. My own view is that with the passage of time this approach has become somewhat outmoded.

3. F.S. might like to consult the Foreign Minister as well as the Defence Minister in this matter. The original of Shri Bose's letter has gone to P.M. and therefore P.M.'s Secretariat might also like to see for taking a coordinated decision.

Narayan - lrp  
(K.R. Narayanan)  
24.2.67

F.S.

This relic of the great patriot  
I leader Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose  
should of course appropriately be  
received with honours and the usual  
authorities including the former Governor of West Bengal



will probably offend, since the sword,  
we could have like to have the  
value of the "Mick" of defence which the  
is an objection to accept milit  
honors.

W.D. 4/67

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Defence Secy (Shirley Shenton)

Will COAS please advise?  
Chambers  
4/3/67



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COAS.

I would personally advise against it. It should  
be a simple ceremony and the Army Commander  
can be invited to the function. As far as I know  
we have not given military honours to any similar  
relics. Take for example Queen Elizabeth's  
sword and other accoutrements. It will create  
a wrong precedence.

Munroe  
Comd  
3 Mar 67

Defence Secretary

This has been discussed with DT7 and  
we feel that it would be enough of a brass  
Band from the Army may participate and  
although we shall have to transport it from  
Dunfermline, we shall not charge the expense to  
the Bureau, which would normally have been  
the case.

Joseph Leg

Chambers  
9.3.67

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Needing for the act please

Li Sh  
15/3/67

Dr/EM

kindly see page 6/n



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S. No (2) ! I do not know if this has already arrived.  
Please take action regarding customs.

sd/- K. R. Narayanan  
6/3

DS(EA) We can write to C. B. R. and to  
Calcutta.

sd/- A. K. Damodaran

Reference Dir (EA) is orders above.

A draft is submitted for approval phase.

M  
8/3

Attache (EA) Th 8/3

DS(EA) has approved the draft.

M  
8/3/67

S. No (6) — Issue



## Ministry of External Affairs

(East Asia Division)

S.No(7)Receipt

Please speak.

sd/- Thangkima

Spoken to Attache (GA).

It is understood from PA to Dir (GA) that the letter attached to the F.R. was received there. Dir (GA) had recorded a note on it and sent <sup>it</sup> to F.S. on 24-2-66 under Dy. No. 894-DEA/67.

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Attache (GA)

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D.S. (GA) may kindly see.

D.S. (GA) ✓

Please integrate those letters with the other papers. Action has to be taken by way of the Union. We will advise to remain F.S. from the

Attache (GA)

V. D. D.

S.D. (GA)

10/3

8/3/67

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Reference D.S. (GA), orders above.

The papers available with us on the matter have been amalgamated. It has been ascertained from P.S.'s office that the papers referred to in the office note above have been sent to the Defence Secretary by P.S. direct, on 1-3-67.

US (GA) may kindly see. Correspondence from S.No. 1 to S.No. 3 may also kindly be seen.

13/3

US (GA)

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S.No(8) & (9) - Added



Reference notes on pages 1, 2 & 3.

We have informed Netaji Research Bureau, Calcutta and the Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal vide S.No.10 and 11. Ministry of Defence may kindly see and send suitable instructions to the military authorities, under intimation to the Prime Minister's Secretariat and this Ministry.

Adaman  
( A.K. Damodaran )  
Deputy Secretary (East Asia)

Ministry of Defence (Shri C.K. Nair, D.S.)  
MEA U.O.NO.C/551/4/67/JP dated 16-3-67.

We have already addressed the P.M.'s Secretariat regarding the instructions issued to the Army authorities in pursuance of the orders by D.M. - Pl. see Defence Secretary's note dt 9.3.67 on p.2<sup>nd</sup> - A copy of thereof is placed on the file.

We have also recd today a copy of an urgent message from the Govt of West Bengal regarding the protocol about receiving Lt. Gen. FUSIWARA at Dum Dum airport on 17.3.67. Perhaps Min. of External Affairs have already taken necessary action on it.

Min of External Affairs (Shri A.K. Damodaran D.S.)

994A/D(481) 17/3/67

I believe we have already sent a message about sending a staff officer to  
to fear -  
NS (C.K.)

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Shown to US (C.A.)  
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This is for you.

16/3/67

DJ(G)

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3787/CSEA/67

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Done vide  
S.No. 14.



Ministry of External Affairs  
(East Asia Division)

S. no (13)Reply

A reply message suggesting 'A' should be done can go. We can also mention the Army band.

Sd/- A.K. Damodaran  
16/3/67

US(EA)  
SO(EA)

Reference DS(EA)'s orders above.

A draft teleprinter message is submitted for approval please.

Sd/-  
16/3

US(EA)

16/3

S. no (14) — Issue

S. no (15)Clipping

DS(EA) has directed that we should get from the P. I. B., cutting on the subject from Calcutta papers and translations of ~~cuttings~~ press reports from Bengali newspapers of Calcutta.

A draft is submitted for approval please.

Sd/-  
25/3

US(EA)

Pl. issue for approval  
25/3

S. no (16) — Issue

S. no (17) & (20)Added



S. No. (21)

Receipt

The clippings attached to the F.R. have been obtained in pursuance of DSE's instructions. Translations of press reports of Bengali dailies may be obtained from P. I. B's office at Calcutta.

A draft is submitted for approval please.

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S. No. (22) — Issue

S. No. (23)

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sd/- B. P. Agarwal

Submitted please.

In this connection notes from the bottom of preface onwards and correspondence from S. No. 21 to 23 may kindly be seen.

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S. No. (27) — Issue



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TOKYO

A. Raychaudhuri  
First Secretary (Inf)

No. TOK (ISI) 321/12/66-Pt. II

December 30, 1966.

Subject: Presentation of Netaji Subhash Chandra's Sword

Dear Dr. Bose,

Some time ago, Lieut.-General (retired) Iwaichi Fujiwara and some of his friends who came in contact with Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose during World War II, called at our Office and informed us that a sword (the type used by Generals); which was presented to the Netaji at Singapore in 1945, has been discovered in a curio shop in Tokyo. They showed us the sword on which there are inscriptions in Japanese indicating that it was presented to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose by one Mr. Shiichi K. Isono of Fukuoka City in Kyushu (Japan). It is a very beautiful sword with a handle decorated with gold strips.

2. General Fujiwara and his colleagues would like to present this sword to India as a token of their respect for the Netaji and affection for the people of India. According to present plans, the sword will be presented to our Ambassador Mr. Badr-ud-Din Tyabji at a formal ceremony sometime in February, 1967.

3. In view of the fact that this sword will be of historical importance, we feel that the proper place for keeping it will be the Netaji Memorial Research Institute and Museum in Calcutta. General Fujiwara has some plans to visit India early next year. It is likely that he will bring the sword to India personally for handing over to you. I shall be grateful if you will kindly let us know urgently whether the Netaji Research Institute and Museum will be in a position to take charge of this sword for preservation and exhibition.

4. As the matter is still under negotiation, I shall be grateful if you do not give any publicity to it at this stage. As soon as the arrangements are finalised, we shall prepare a detailed note for publicity both in Japan and in India.

5. I recall with pleasure your visit to Tokyo. I hope you are keeping well.

.... (PTO)

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With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(A. Raychaudhuri)

Dr Sisir Kumar Bose,  
Director, Netaji Memorial Research Institute  
and Museum,  
Elgin Road, (Berhampur) Bhubaneswar, Orissa and  
Calcutta.

and some of his friends who came in contact with Nawaji Subhan Chaudhary

Boss during World War II, called at our Office and informed us that a

Copy forwarded to Mr. K.R. Narayanan, Director (EA), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, with reference to his DO letter No. 5295/DEA/66 dated October 7, 1966.

They showed us the sword on which there are inscriptions in Japanese

Mr. T. N. Guna, Director, I.P. Divn.,  
EA Ministry, New Delhi, for information.

First Secretary (Inf)  
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beautiful sword with a handle decorated with gold stripes.

General Bittware and his colleagues would like to present this

sword to India as a token of their regard for the West and affection

for the people of India, according to present plans, the sword will

be presented to our Ambassador Mr. Barthelme at a formal ceremony

1867, January, 1867.

In view of the fact that this sword will be of historical

importance, we feel that the proper place for leaving it will be the

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Ullmann has some plans to visit India early next year. It is likely

but he will bring the sword to India tomorrow.

11. I shall be grateful if you will kindly fill in the following details:

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**NETAJI RESEARCH BUREAU**  
AN INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND POLITICS  
**NETAJI BHAWAN**

38/2, LALA LAJPAT RAI ROAD, CALCUTTA 20

**MOST IMMEDIATE**

**From the Executive Director**

**17 February 1967**

**No. 56/100/67**

**Shrimati Indira Gandhi  
Prime Minister  
Prime Minister's House  
New Delhi**

**Madam,**

*FM has seen.*

*22.2.67*  
*Dir(EA)*  
We were informed by the Embassy of India in Tokyo sometime ago that the sword presented to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on his assumption of Supreme Command of the Indian National Army had been found in Tokyo by Japanese friends of India. We have now been advised that Lt-General Fujiwara, who was the liaison officer between the Indian National Army and the Imperial Japanese Army in East Asia, will be visiting Calcutta next month to present the sword to the Netaji Museum here.

The presentation ceremony will be held at Netaji Bhawan, Calcutta, on 19 March 1967. I have invited Shrimati Padmaja Naidu, Governor of West Bengal, to preside at the presentation ceremony.

In accordance with accepted form and tradition, the sword should be received with appropriate military honours. We therefore desire that a representative contingent of Indian Armed Forces present a Guard of Honour when the sword is formally received at Netaji Bhawan on 19 March 1967. I request that necessary instructions may kindly be issued to military authorities in Calcutta to arrange for a Guard of Honour in cooperation with us.

I am forwarding copies of this letter to the Minister of External Affairs, the Minister of Defence and the Minister of Home Affairs to facilitate speedy action.

Copy to:

Shri M.C. Chagla  
Minister of External Affairs  
Government of India  
New Delhi.

**Yours sincerely,**

*Sisir K. Bose*  
**Sisir K. Bose**



S.N(3)  
A. Raychaudhuri  
First Secretary (Inf)

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INFORMATION SERVICE OF INDIA  
EMBASSY OF INDIA  
TOKYO.

No. TOK(ISI)321/12/66-Pt.II

February 20, 1967.

Subject: Presentation of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's Sword

Dear Dr. Bose,

Many thanks for your letter No. 56/98/67 dated February 13, 1967, on the above subject.

2. The sword was formally presented to our Ambassador Mr. Badr-ud-Din Tyabji at a ceremony held at the Chancery on February 17, 1967. A copy of the speech read out by Mr. S. Yoshizawa, former Japanese Ambassador to India, on behalf of Mr. Okinori Kaya, President, The Japan National Foreign Affairs Foundation, along with a list of prominent persons from the Japanese side, is enclosed for your information. The function was widely covered by the Radio and Television networks in Tokyo. Two clippings from English newspapers are also enclosed for your information.

3. General Fujiwara will be travelling alone. He will not be accompanied by Mr. Yamamoto. Please therefore make necessary arrangements in Calcutta only for General Fujiwara. I have informed the organizers that you have tentatively fixed March 19, 1967, for the formal handing over of the sword to the Netaji Memorial Museum. General Fujiwara will be arriving in Calcutta from Kathmandu by Royal Nepal Airways flight No. 013 on Friday, March 17, 1967, at 1740 hours. I hope there will be no difficulty in clearing the package containing the sword as part of General Fujiwara's personal baggage. Please ensure that it is delivered to him on arrival at Dum Dum.

4. Mr. Katakami, the Consul-General of Japan in Calcutta, is a personal friend of General Fujiwara. You may therefore like to keep him informed about the arrangements. They have also a Military Attache (Col. Kato) in Calcutta. As General Fujiwara is leaving on an extended tour of South-East Asia on February 23, 1967, we will not be in a position to contact him in case there is any change in your programme. If there is any message for General Fujiwara, Mr. Katakami may be able to contact him.

5. I shall be grateful if you will kindly keep us informed about the programme in Calcutta when it is finalised.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(A. Raychaudhuri)

Dr. Sisir K. Bose,  
Executive Director,  
Netaji Research Bureau,  
Netaji Bhavan,  
38/2, Lala Lajpat Rai Road,  
Calcutta-20.

Copy forwarded to -

- ✓ (1) Mr. K.R. Narayanan, Director (EA), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, with reference to our letter of even number dated 8.2.67.
- (2) Mr. P.K. Guha, Director, External Publicity Division, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, with ref. to our letter of even number dated 8.2.67.

First Secretary (Inf)



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THE CEREMONIAL ADDRESS ON THE OCCASION OF RETURN OF  
THE MILITARY SWORD CHERISHED BY NETAGE

His Excellency Mr. Badr-ud-Din Tyabji  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.  
Embassy of India, Tokyo

Your Excellency,

In spite of the fact that already it is over 20 long years since the day when a staggering news of the passing of H.E. Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, the great leader whom India produced, through an aerial disaster in Taipei was reported, the sentiments of reverence and affection of the people of Japan toward Netage remain as fresh and deep as our feelings of cordiality to the people of India. It is to be heartily congratulated that a mutual understanding and a good neighbourly relation between the two countries are deepening as the day goes by.

Last autumn, an accidental discovery was made in Tokyo of the military sword worn by Netage in Southwestern front of Asia during the 2nd Great War. This sword was the one sought for for many years by some of us closely associated with Netage in the past. It is an offering made to Netage by a Japanese well-wisher with an ardent prayer for the success of his struggle for the liberation of his motherland, and Netage, on his part, cherished it as a symbol of sincerity of the people of Japan.

That such a precious and historical relic should remain in a remote corner away from the land and people he so deeply loved was the thought unbearable to us Japanese, particularly so to those who are closely associated with the country of Your Excellency. In view of this fact, we contemplated of locating a rightful place where it should be removed and preserved in the style that it deserves.



We see no need to stress upon Your Excellency of our deep emotions on hearing of the noble decision on the part of India to Accept with pleasure the return of the sword and to have it preserved permanently in the premises of Netage Bhawan in Calcutta in the midst of people he loved, and on the soil that reared him.

Under the circumstances, we have, with acknowledgement and authorization of those many who are in close contacts with India, the honour to return the sword to the rightful quarter through the good offices of Your Excellency the Ambassador accompanied by our sincere expression of affection toward the people of India and a respectful salutation to His Excellency. Netage as well as an ardent hope that a cordial relation between the two countries may deepen evermore. And we beseech Your Excellency to be so gracious as to convey our sincere feelings which accompanies the sword to the Government of India and the people concerned at the other end.

In conclusion, please permit us to add that arrangements pertinent to the return of the sword have been made by the Japan National Foreign Affairs Foundation under its President Mr. Okinori Kaya, and Indo-Japanese Association under its President Mr. Hisato Ichimanda.

Feb.17,1967

Okinori Kaya, President  
The Japan National Foreign Affairs Foundation  
on behalf of  
Sponsors of Returning  
the Military Sword Cherished  
by H.E.Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose



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First Secretary (Inf)

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February 27, 1967.

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Subject: Presentation of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's Sword

Dear Dr. Bose,

Many thanks for your letter No. 56/106/67 of February 20, 1967. General Fujiwara has already left Tokyo and after visiting several countries in South-East Asia, will arrive in Calcutta on Friday, March 17, 1967, at 1740 hrs. from Kathmandu by flight No. RA013. He is not accompanied by Mr. Yamamoto. General Fujiwara will leave Calcutta for Karachi on March 20. I informed him before his departure that you have fixed March 19 for the handing over of the sword to the Netaji Museum. In my letter of even number dated February 8, 1967, I wrote to you about the clearance of the package from the Customs authorities at Dum Dum airport. The package containing the sword will arrived in Calcutta by J.A.L. on March 8, 1967. Please ensure that this package is connected with General Fujiwara's personal baggage and cleared as such by the Customs authorities. To avoid any embarrassing situation at the last moment, I think it will be better if you will kindly check up all these arrangements with the authorities at the Dum Dum airport. I had also endorsed a copy of my letter dated February 8, 1967, to the Collector of Customs, Dum Dum airport. I hope there will be no difficulty in clearing the package.

2. As desired by you, I enclose the following material for your use :-

- (i) A historical note on the sword prepared by the Japan National Foreign Affairs Foundation.
- (ii) A copy of General Fujiwara's speech, which will be delivered at the presentation ceremony on March 19, 1967.
- (iii) A note on the activities of the Japan National Foreign Affairs Foundation.

3. The sword is complete with scabbard and wooden boxes. You need not, therefore, get any case made for it. Later when you display



the sword at the Museum, you may have a suitable glass case made for protecting the sword from dust and moisture.

4. I shall request the Kyodo News Service authorities in Tokyo to instruct their representative in India to cover the ceremony in Calcutta. There are a number of Japanese correspondents posted in New Delhi. You may like to inform them about the function through the Japanese Consul-General in Calcutta. The Deputy Principal Information Officer of the Government of India posted in Calcutta (Mr. Madan Gopal) may also be of some help. I presume that Press Trust of India will give special coverage to this function for Japan.

5. I have already sent you some clippings about the presentation ceremony in Tokyo. I am sending you herewith one copy each of two photographs taken on the occasion for your record.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

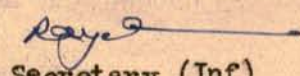
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(A. Raychaudhuri)

Mr. Sisir K. Bose,  
General Secretary,  
Netaji Research Bureau,  
Netaji Bhawan,  
38/2 Elgin Road,  
Calcutta-20.

Copy with enclosures (except photographs) forwarded to:

- ✓ (1) Director (EA), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.
- (2) Director (XP), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.

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First Secretary (Inf)  
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THE JAPAN NATIONAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOUNDATION

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Tokyo Feb. 25 1967

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HISTORY OF THE SWORD:

(1) Engraving on the steel inside of the hilt of the sword reads;

Present to H.E. Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose of India by Shichihei Isono of Fukuoka. Respectfully made by Moritsugu and Norisada inhabitants of Fukuoka, Chikuzen. On auspicious day, Oct. 2603.

N.B. Fukuoka is located in northern Kyusyu, South Japan.

Chikuzen is the old name of Fukuoka prefecture.

Japanese year 2603-----A.D. 1943.

Length of the blade - 2 ft. 3½ inc.

Total length - approx. 3 ft.

(2) The sword was presented to Netaji through good offices of the late Mr. Mitsuru Toyama, the grand old man in Japan's political circle and one of few most influential men behind the scene in his time.

The scribble on the lid of original wooden box (old one) reading in Japanese "Haja Kensho" was written specially by aforementioned Mr. Toyama when presentation was made. It means "Destroy evil and Glorify justice".

The scribble on the lid of a newly made wooden box reads;  
"The Military Sword cherished by H.E. Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose. Okinori Kaya".

N.B. The sword has been sought after for many years by some of those who had close contacts with Netaji in the past until it was accidentally found in an antique shop in Tokyo last autumn. How it came about to the shop is not quite clear. So far the photos of presentation is not available. Those who had them have lost all during air raid.

(3) Personal History of Gen. Fujiwara:

Name; Iwaichi Fujiwara.

Born; 1908

Graduated from Military College in 1931

" " The Military Staff College first on the list with an Imperial gift sword.

The staff officer of 21st Army in Canton front, South China.

The staff officer of Southern Command in Malay front and C.O. of "F Kikan", organized I.N.A.

The staff officer of 15th Army in Imphal front during the war.

Post-war period;

Engaged in editing military history of Pacific theater of 2nd World War.

Enlisted in National Defence Force 1955 as the Divisional Commander of 12th Division, Utsunomiya area.

Transferred to 1st Division, Tokyo as its D.C.

Retired as Lt-Gen. in 1966.

Took a post as Executive Director of Japan National Foreign Affairs Foundation in 1966, concurrently the advisor of Nihon Kokan Co. (Japan Steel & Tube Corporation).



Gen. Fujiwara is not strong in hearing and speaking of English language, understands tolerably if spoken slowly. His reading is passable. He has some knowledge of Mandarin, a standard Chinese language, and German but believed to be useless, now.

He will read his address at the ceremony written in Japanese, but he carries with him a translated version thereof in English, also, to be read by someone. General hoped in vain to have it translated in Hindustani owing to the pressure of time. As for the conversation, some one from the Consulate will extend a helping hand.

(4) Okinori Kaya is the member of Japanese Diet. He is also the President of the Japan National Foreign Affairs Foundation. He was the Minister of Finance during the last war. Since returned to politics as a member of Government party (Liberal Democratic P) he assumed a post of Minister of Justice for a few years. Already 78 years old but very active in excellent health. Knew Netaji well.

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THE JAPAN NATIONAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOUNDATION

Daini Giinkaikan, Rm. 703  
No. 12 2-chome, Nagata-cho, Chiyoda-ku,  
Tokyo, Japan

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THE CEREMONIAL ADDRESS ON THE OCCASION IN CALCUTTA

OF RETURN OF THE MILITARY SWORD CHERISHED BY NETAJI

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee of Netaji Bhawan, and Ladies and Gentlemen;

It is over twenty years already since the day when a staggering news was reported of the patriot of the century and the great leader of revolutionary movement of India. I speak of no other than His Excellency Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, the great son of the great city of Calcutta.

Twenty odd years is a long time, indeed, but let me assure you, Ladies and Gentlemen, that the sentiments of respect and affection of us people of Japan towards Netaji remains as fresh and deep as our feelings of cordiality to the people of India. It is to be congratulated heartily that a mutual understanding and a good neighbourly relation between the two countries are deepening as the day goes by.

To our great surprise and delight, Ladies and Gentlemen, the military sword worn by Netaji in Southern front of Asia during the 2nd World War was found quite accidentally in Tokyo last autumn. This sword was the very one eagerly sought after for many years by some of us closely associated with Netaji in the past. It was an offering made to Netaji by a Japanese well-wisher in 1943 with an ardent prayer for the success of his struggle for the liberation of his Motherland, and Netaji, on his part, cherished it as a symbol of sincerity of the people of Japan.

To see that such a precious and historic article to remain in a remote corner away from the land and people he so deeply loved was the thought unbearable to us Japanese, particularly so to those of us who had the honour of associating with that great man in the past.

In view of this fact, we formed a Committee consisting of, beside us, the people who respect and admire Netaji, also those who, in various fields, are in close contacts now with your country, and considered of locating a rightful place to which it should be removed and preserved permanently in the style due to it. And we contacted your Ambassador in Tokyo, His Excellency Mr. Badr-ud-Din Tyabji for his kind advice.

I see no need to stress upon you, Ladies and Gentlemen, of our deep emotions on hearing of the noble decision of the Committee of Netaji Bhawan to accept with pleasure the return of the sword and to have it preserved for ever in his native Calcutta in the midst of the people he loved and on the soil that reared him.



Under the circumstances, we had, with the acknowledgement and authorization of those many who are concerned in this memorable event, the honour to return the sword to the rightful quarter through the good offices of His Excellency the Ambassador on February the 17th at the Chancellery of your Embassy in Tokyo, accompanied by our sincere expression of affection towards people of India and a respectful salutation to His Excellency Netaji, as well as an ardent wishes that a cordial relation between the two countries may deepen evermore.

To-day, I stand before you, ladies and Gentlemen, with the honour to discharge the duty entrusted me at this splended ceremony to deliver the sword to the Committee of Netaji Bhawan with a message of goodwill of our people to its members and to the people of India.

Here is the sword which the great Netaji cherished. Please take it and the warm feelings of Japanese people which accompanies the sword.

Ladies and Gentlemen, my mission is rapidly coming to an end, but before I end my little speech I have to crave your indulgence and permit me to add that all arrangements pertinent to the return of the sword have been made by The Japan National Foreign Affairs Foundation under its President Okinori Kaya assisted by Indo-Japanese Association under its President Hisato Ichimada.

In conclusion, I should be very grateful, indeed, to the Committee if it would be so kind as to find a small corner at Netaji Bhawan for the book I had written last autumn recording the co-operation of my "F Kikan" with I.N.A. during the 2nd Great W<sub>a</sub>r.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee of Netaji Bhawan, please accept my profound thanks for the kindness and hospitality you are lavishing on me. I feel very grateful indeed to you all. Thank you.

March 19th 1967

Lt-Gen. Iwaichi Fujiwara  
Executive Director  
The Japan National Foreign Affairs Foundation  
Tokyo.



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THE JAPAN NATIONAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOUNDATION

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Tokyo Feb.1967

RE: J.N.F.A.F.

I. HISTORY:

The Foundation was established in 1954 by the late Mr. Ichiro Hatoyama, at one time the Prime Minister of Japan, as its 1st President.

The present Mr. Okinori Kaya assumed the post in April 1966 as its 3rd President.

The Foundation, an independent and a pure civil organization, operates as an incorporated association consisting of as its members the notables representing various departments of society and leading corporations of Japan.

II. OBJECT:

By Affirming that nothing but mutual understanding, goodwill and co-operation among the people irrespective of race or creed to be the base of the world peace, the Foundation shall, as its principal object, exert all possible efforts to enhance international good neighbourly relations on the line of people's diplomacy.

To attain its object, the Foundation shall endeavour to orientate an enthusiasm and moral sense of the people of Japan, focusing above all on the furtherance of co-prosperity and co-existence among us people of Asian countries linking racially and geographically closely to one another.

With this in view and in order to determine active measures of co-operation, the Foundation shall maintain a wide and frequent contacts with people and organizations of the region interested in the cause, so that exchange of opinions, information materials and etc. on problems confronting us Asians in various fields may be effected for mutual benefits.

Furthermore, the Foundation shall endeavour to enlighten and elevate the knowledge and understanding of the people of Japan with regard to the vital need of international co-operation. At the same time, the Foundation shall enquire closely into Japan's basic line of diplomacy, both just and sound, linking to the fraternity and peace of the world, and strenuous efforts shall also be made to reflex on the policies of co-operation in the fields of politic, economic and culture of the country.



### III. ACTIVITIES:

- (1) Investigation of ways and means to promote international good-will between foreign countries and Japan.
- (2) Research and preparation of data concerning foreign and domestic policies on political, economic and cultural problems.
- (3) Liaison, co-operation and exchange of materials for study with relative organizations of both foreign and domestic.
- (4) Render assistances in induction of foreign students to Japan and exchange of international good-will missions.
- (5) Publication of periodical, pamphlets and others related to activities of the Foundation.

### IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President	Mr. O.Kaya M.D.	ex-Minister, Finance, Justice.
Vice-President	Mr. S.Yoshizawa	Ex-Ambassador.
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"	Mr. K.Nishimura	ex-Ambassador.
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"	Mr. R.Komine M.D.	Educationist.
"	Mr. S.Takasugi	Advisor, Federation of Economic Organization
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"	Mr. K.Tanikawa M.D.	Educationist.
"	Mr. M. Mori M.D.	Critic, foreign affairs.
Auditor	Mr. T.Kameoka M.D.	Economist.

Abb: JNFAF.....The Japan National Foreign Affairs Foundation  
M.D.....The Member of Diet.  
C.O.....Commanding Officer.  
D.C.....Divisional Commander.  
Executive D...Executive Director.  
(rtd).....Retired.



A. Raychaudhuri  
First Secretary (Inf)

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No. TOK(ISI)321/12/66-Pt. II

February 8, 1967.

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M. Sub (P.H.)*  
Subject: Presentation of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's Sword

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With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(A. Raychaudhuri)

Dr. Sisir K. Bose,  
Executive Director,  
Netaji Research Bureau, Netaji Bhavan,  
38/2, Lala Lajpat Rai Road,  
Calcutta-20.

Copy forwarded to -

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- (3) The Collector of Customs, Dum Dum Airport, Calcutta, for information and necessary action.

af. Raychaudhuri  
First Secretary (Inf)  
8.2.1967.



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G/551/4/67/JP

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(EAST ASIA DIVISION)

10 March 67

To

The Chief Secretary to the  
Government of West Bengal,  
Calcutta

Sub:- Presentation of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's Sword.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter No. TOE/ISI/321/12/66-Pt.II dated 8th and 27th February, 1967 received from the Information Service of India, Tokyo, on the subject mentioned above and to request that the Customs etc. authorities may kindly be instructed that the package containing Netaji's Sword should be kept in safe custody till the arrival of Lt. General (Retired) Iwaichi Fujiwara. It is also requested that Lt. General Fujiwara and his party should be received at the Dum Dum airport and necessary courtesies, exemptions and facilities extended to them on arrival at Dum Dum airport. The package containing Netaji's Sword should also be handed over to Lt. General Fujiwara on his arrival at Calcutta. A copy of the letter dated 8.2.67 mentioned above has also been sent to the Collector of Customs, Dum Dum airport, Calcutta by the Information Service of India, Tokyo.

Yours faithfully,

*A.K. Damodaran*

( A.K. Damodaran )  
Deputy Secretary (East Asia)

Copy with a copy of the letter mentioned above forwarded to the Ministry of Finance (Central Board of Revenue-Cus.IV Section) New Delhi for information and necessary action.

Copy with a copy of the letter mentioned above also forwarded to:

1. Ministry of Defence, New Delhi.
2. Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

*A.K. Damodaran*

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Deputy Secretary (East Asia)



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INFORMATION SERVICE OF INDIA  
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TOKYO

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FIRST SECRETARY (INF)

No. TCK (ISI) 321/12/66-Pt. II

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First Secretary (Inf)

No. TOK (ISI) 321/12/66-Pt. II

February 27, 1967

Subject: Presentation of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's Sword

Dear Dr. Bose,

Many thanks for your letter No. 56/106/67 of February 20, 1967. General Fujiwara has already left Tokyo and after visiting several countries in South-East Asia, will arrive in Calcutta on Friday, March 17, 1967, at 1740 hrs. from Kathmandu by flight No. RA013. He is not accompanied by Mr. Yamamoto. General Fujiwara will leave Calcutta for Karachi on March 20. I informed him before his departure that you have fixed March 19 for the handing over of the sword to the Netaji Museum. In my letter of even number dated February 8, 1967, I wrote to you about the clearance of the package from the Customs authorities at Dum Dum airport. The package containing the sword will arrive in Calcutta by J.A.L. on March 8, 1967. Please ensure that this package is connected with General Fujiwara's personal baggage and cleared as such by the Customs authorities. To avoid any embarrassing situation at the last moment, I think it will be better if you will kindly check up all these arrangements with the authorities at the Dum Dum airport. I had also endorsed a copy of my letter dated February 8, 1967, to the Collector of Customs, Dum Dum airport. I hope there will be no difficulty in clearing the package.

2. As desired by you, I enclose the following material for your use:-

- (i) A historical note on the sword prepared by the Japan National Foreign Affairs Foundation.
- (ii) A copy of General Fujiwara's speech, which will be delivered at the presentation ceremony on March 19, 1967.
- (iii) A note on the activities of the Japan National Foreign Affairs Foundation.

3. The sword is complete with scabbard and wooden boxes. You need not, therefore, get any case made for it. Later when you display the sword at the Museum, you may have a suitable glass case made for protecting the sword from dust and moisture.

4. I shall request the Kyodo News Service authorities in Tokyo to instruct their representative in India to cover the ceremony in Calcutta. There are a number of Japanese correspondents posted in New Delhi. You may like to inform them



about the function through the Japanese Consul-General in Calcutta. The Deputy Principal Information Officer of the Government of India posted in Calcutta (Mr. Madan Gopal) may also be of some help. I presume that Press Trust of India will give special coverage to this function for Japan.

5. I have already sent you some clippings about the presentation ceremony in Tokyo. I am sending you herewith one copy each of two photographs taken on the occasion for your record.

with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,  
Sd/-  
( A. Raychaudhuri )

Mr. Bisir K. Bose,  
General Secretary,  
Netaji Research Bureau,  
Netaji Bhawan,  
38/2, Elgin Road,  
Calcutta-20

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Sd/- First Secy. (INF)  
27.2.1967



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# MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

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New Delhi-11, the

28 February, 1967.

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Sub:-

Sword presented to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on his assumption of Supreme Command of the Indian National Army - Presentation ceremony for.

The undersigned is directed to enclose a copy of letter No. 56/100/67, dated the 17th February, 1967, from the Executive Director, Netaji Research Bureau, Calcutta, on the subject mentioned above and to request that this Ministry may kindly be informed whether the Ministries of Defence/External Affairs are taking necessary action in the matter.

Sd/- L.D. HINDI

UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE.  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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NETAJI RESEARCH BUREAU  
AN INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND POLITICS  
NETAJI BHAWAN  
33/2/, Lal Lajpat Rai Road, Calcutta 20.

From Executive Director.

17 February 1967.

No. 56/100/67

Shrimati Indira Gandhi  
Prime Minister  
Prime Minister's House,  
New Delhi.

Madam,

We were informed by the Embassy of India in Tokyo sometime ago that the sword presented to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on his assumption of Supreme Command of the Indian National Army had been found in Tokyo by Japanese friends of India. We have been advised that Lt. General Fujiwara, who was the liaison officer between the Indian National Army and the Imperial Japanese Army in East Asia, will be visiting Calcutta next month to present the sword to the Netaji Museum here.

The presentation ceremony will be held at Netaji Bhawan, Calcutta, on 19 March 1967. I have invited Shrimati Padmaja Naidu, Governor of West Bengal, to preside at the presentation ceremony.

In accordance with accepted form and tradition, the sword should be received with appropriate military honour. We therefore desire that a representative contingent of Indian Armed Forces present a Guard of Honour when the sword is formally received at Netaji Bhawan on 19 March 1967. I request that necessary instructions may kindly be issued to military authorities in Calcutta to arrange for a Guard of Honour in cooperation with us.

I am forwarding copies of this letter to the Minister of External Affairs, the Minister of Defence and the Minister of Home Affairs to facilitate speedy action.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- Sisir K. Bose

Copy to :-

Shri Y.B. Chavan,  
Minister of Home Affairs  
Government of India, New Delhi.

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प्रधान मंत्री

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No.C/551/4/67/JP  
Government of India  
Ministry of External Affairs  
(East Asia Division)

New Delhi, the

March, 1967.

To

Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose,  
Executive Director,  
Netaji Research Bureau,  
38/2, Lala Lajpat Rai Road,  
Calcutta-20

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 56/100/67 dated 17th February, 1967 addressed to the Prime Minister and to say that it has been decided that a brass Band from the Army will participate in the ceremony on the 19th March, 1967 at Netaji Bhavan when the sword of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose is formally received. You may kindly contact the military authorities at Calcutta about this. No expenses on this account will be payable.

Yours faithfully,

sd/-

( A.K. Damodaran )  
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of  
India

Copy forwarded to:

1. Prime Minister's Secretariat (Shri Natwar Singh, D.S.(Special) New Delhi.
2. Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri L.D.Hindi, U.S.) New Delhi with reference to their O.E.No.2/3/67-Pub-II dated 28.2.67.
3. First Secretary (Information), Embassy of India, Tokyo.

*A. Damodaran*

( A.K. Damodaran )  
o/c Deputy Secretary (East Asia)



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MOST IMMEDIATE

No.C/551/4/67/JP  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
( EAST ASIA DIVISION)

New Delhi, the 16th March, 1967.

To

The Chief Secretary to the  
Government of West Bengal,  
Calcutta.

Sub:- Presentation of the sword of Netaji  
Subhash Chandra Bose at Netaji Bhavan  
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( A.K. Damodaran )  
Deputy Secretary to the Government  
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No.C/551/4/67/JP  
Government of India  
Ministry of External Affairs  
(East Asia Division)

New Delhi, the

March, 1967.

To

Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose,  
Executive Director,  
Netaji Research Bureau,  
38/2, Lala Lajpat Rai Road,  
Calcutta-20

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
( EAST ASIA DIVISION )

New Delhi, the 16th March, 1967.

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C/551/4/67/JP

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NETAJI RESEARCH BUREAU  
AN INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND POLITICS  
NETAJI BHAWAN

38/2, LALA LAJPAT RAI ROAD, CALCUTTA 20

From the Executive Director

No. 56/100/67

17 February, 1967

Shrimati Indira Gandhi  
Prime Minister  
Prime Minister's House  
New Delhi

Madam,

We were informed by the Embassy of India in Tokyo sometime ago that the sword presented to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose on his assumption of Supreme Command of the Indian National Army had been found in Tokyo by Japanese friends of India. We have now been advised that Lt-General Fujiwara, who was the liaison officer between the Indian National Army and the Imperial Japanese Army in East Asia, will be visiting Calcutta next month to present the sword to the Netaji Museum here.

The presentation ceremony will be held at Netaji Bhawan, Calcutta on 19 March 1967. I have invited Shrimati Padmaja Naidu, Governor of West Bengal, to preside at the presentation ceremony.

In accordance with accepted form and tradition, the sword should be received with appropriate military honours. We therefore desire that a representative contingent of Indian Armed Forces present a Guard of Honour when the sword is formally received at Netaji Bhawan on 19 March 1967. I request that necessary instructions may kindly be issued to military authorities in Calcutta to arrange for a Guard of Honour in cooperation with us.

I am forwarding copies of this letter to the Minister of External Affairs, the Minister of Defence and the Minister of Home Affairs to facilitate speedy action.

Yours sincerely  
Sd/- Sisir K. Bose

Copy to:

Shri M.C.Chagla  
Minister of External Affairs  
Government of India  
New Delhi

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Kindly refer to your u.o. No. 2(64)/67-PM, dated 1.3.1967, regarding the request of Shri Sisir K. Bose, executive Director of the Netaji Research Bureau.

2. The matter has been examined in consultation with the External Affairs Ministry and it has been decided with the approval of the Defence Minister that a brass band from Dinapur for which no charges will be made from the bureau will be arranged on the occasion of the presentation of the Netaji's sword. No other military honours are proposed to be accorded.

3. Since the bureau has sent a copy of their letter to the Prime Minister to us, we are informing the bureau accordingly.

Sd/ S. S. L. KAKKAR  
JS(G)  
10.3.1967.

Prime Minister's Secretariat  
(Shri Natwar Singh, Deputy Secretary)

Copy to:-

AG (Lt. Gen. MS Pathania)

for information and necessary action.

( S. S. L. KAKKAR )  
JS(G)  
10.3.1967.



# Government of West Bengal

## TELEPRINTER MESSAGE : HIGH PRIORITY

The following message has been received from New Delhi over our Teleprinter Service for favour of your immediate attention. A reply to this communication can also be sent over the Teleprinter, if sent to the Duty Officer, Teleprinter Service, Government of West Bengal, ~~Writers' Buildings, Calcutta~~ ~~XXXXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX~~ Tele: 48315, New Delhi.

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**FROM:** UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL, HOME (POLITICAL) DEPARTMENT, WRITERS' BUILDINGS, CALCUTTA.

**TO:** SHRI A K DAMODARAN, DEPUTY SECY TO THE GOVT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (EAST ASIA), NEW DELHI.

Text of Message No. 1145/67.

(This message will also be confirmed by a post copy from the sender)  
No. 236-PROT DATED 15.3.67. REFERENCE YOUR LETTER OF 10TH MARCH

REGARDING PRESENTATION OF NEJAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE'S SWORD. IT APPEARS THAT NEJAJI RESEARCH BUREAU OF CALCUTTA ARE MAKING ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESENTATION OF NEJAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE'S SWORD TO NETAJI MUSEUM AT CALCUTTA AND THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARE NOT OFFICIALLY CONCERNED WITH THE SAID PRESENTATION CEREMONY. HOWEVER WE ARE INSTRUCTING CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES AT CALCUTTA TO KEEP IN SAFE CUSTODY NETAJI'S SWORD TILL THE ARRIVAL AT CALCUTTA OF LT GENERAL FUJIWARA AND TO HAND OVER TO HIM THE PACKAGE CONTAINING NETAJI'S SWORD ON HIS ARRIVAL. WE ARE ALSO ADVISING CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES AT CALCUTTA TO EXTEND CUSTOMS FACILITIES TO LT. GENERAL FUJIWARA AND PARTY. NECESSARY SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS ARE ALSO BEING MADE. KINDLY INSTRUCT BY RETURN TELEPRINTER WHETHER AN OFFICER OF THE STATE GOVT SHOULD MEET LT GENERAL FUJIWARA ON HIS ARRIVAL AT DUM DUM AIRPORT ON THE 17.3.67  
RPT 17.3.67.

COPY TO:

SHRI C K NAVYAR,  
DY SECY TO THE GOVT OF INDIA,  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NEW DELHI.

Special request regarding sending of reply if any:

Date..... 15.3.67.....

Time..... 1911 HOURS.....

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(C.S. GUPTA)

Duty Officer,

Government of West Bengal,  
Teleprinter Service.



Government of West Bengal

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FROM:

TO:

Text of Message No. 1124/57.

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Teleprinter Service  
Govt. of W. Bengal  
No. 3 Hailey Road  
New Delhi

Special request regarding sending of reply if any.

Deputy Officer,  
Government of West Bengal,  
Teletypewriter Service.

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March 16, 1967.

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Message just received from West Bengal Information Centre,  
3, Hailey Road, New Delhi:-

Even though the Govt. of West Bengal is not directly concerned with the presentation of the sword of Netaji, they have <sup>7/2</sup> ~~resulted~~ that the sword should be kept carefully and handed over to Gen. Fujiwara. They have also made enquiries whether an officer of the West Bengal Govt. should be deputed to Dum Dum to receive the sword. We could send a message through the West Bengal Teleprinter arrangement that it would be right if an officer could be deputed.



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To

The Duty Officer  
Teleprinter Service  
Government of West Bengal,  
No. 3, Hailey Road,  
New Delhi

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Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a message which may please be sent by teleprinter service to the Under Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Home (Political) Department, Writers' Building, Calcutta.

Yours faithfully,

sd/-

( B.P. Agarwal )  
Under Secretary (East Asia)

Copy with a copy of the message forwarded to the Ministry of Defence (Shri C.K.Nair, D.S.) New Delhi for information.

HP Agarwal  
( B.P. Agarwal ) 16.3.67  
%c Under Secretary (EA)



TELEPRINTER MESSAGE

FROM UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF  
INDIA, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
NEW DELHI.

TO UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF  
WEST BENGAL, HOME (POLITICAL) DEPARTMENT,  
WRITERS' BUILDINGS, CALCUTTA.

TEXT OF MESSAGE

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*B. P. Agarwal*  
16.3.17  
( B.P. Agarwal )  
Under Secretary (East Asia)



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16.3.67  
( B.P. Agarwal )  
Under Secretary (East Asia)



S. No. 151

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"HINDU" dated 21st March, 1967.

## Netaji's Sword for Calcutta Museum

CALCUTTA, March 20.  
The sword of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was presented to the Netaji Museum by Lt-General Iwaichi Fujiwara, formerly Japanese liaison officer with the Indian National Army at a solemn function at Netaji Bhavan yesterday.

Thousands of people, who had assembled to watch the ceremony, shouted "Netaji Zindabad" and "Jai Hind" as General Fujiwara handed over the sword to Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose, Executive Director of the Netaji Research Bureau.

The West Bengal Governor, Miss Padmaia Naidu, who presided over the function, described Netaji as

The report on the Sword ceremony is good. We could ask for some papers cutting from P.I.B.

Sd/- DS(EA)

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Gen. Fujiwara displaying  
Netaji's sword.

India's great revolutionary, and said that the sword would be looked upon not merely as a weapon of destruction but as a symbol of strength for destruction of evil and defence of the right.

After the function, thousands of people filed past the dais on which the sword was kept adorned with the national flags of India and Japan with a photograph of Netaji in the middle.

The sword was presented to Netaji when he visited Japan in October 1943 after proclaiming the establishment of the provisional Azad Hind Government as Supreme Commander of the Indian National Army. The presentation was made by Mr. Schiehei Isono of Fukuoka, South Japan.

The writing on the lid of the original wooden box reads 'Jaja Ken-sho' ("Destroy evil and glorify justice"). The three-foot long sword had been sought after for many years by Netaji's associates until it was accidentally found in an antique shop in Tokyo in the Autumn of 1963.—PTI.

*cuttings from Calcutta  
papers & translations of  
Bengali news/papers from  
Calcutta.*



RAJYA SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. 272.

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND MARCH 1961.

NETAJI'S ASHES FROM TOKYO

QUESTION

\*No.272. SHRI P.N. RAJABHOJ: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the ashes of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose are to be brought to India from Tokyo; and
- (b) if so, when they are proposed to be brought and where they would be preserved?

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ANSWER

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON):

- (a) There is no such proposal.
- (b) The question does not arise.

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S.M. (16)

C/551/4/67/JP

March 28, 67.

Office Memorandum

Newspapers of Calcutta both English and Bengali carried press reports regarding the presentation of the sword of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose by Lt. General (Retired) Iwaichi Fujiwara, a Japanese army officer. The presentation ceremony was held at Netaji Bhavan, Calcutta on the 19th March, 1967.

It is requested that cuttings on the subject from the English dailies of Calcutta and translations of press reports from Bengali dailies may please be sent to this Ministry immediately.

*B. P. Agarwal*

(B. P. Agarwal)

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

P.I.B.,  
(Shri K. Ramanathan, Assistant Information  
Officer - Clippings),  
New Delhi.

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FROM SALDANHA FINREV NEWDELHI  
TO ABROL CUSTOMS CALCUTTA

(F.NO. 6/31/67-Cus.IV)

AN INTIMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE MINISTRY OF  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS THAT LT. GENL. (RETIRED) IWAICHI FUJIWARA OF  
JAPAN ACCOMPANIED BY A FEW OTHER MEMBERS WILL ARRIVE CALCUTTA  
ON 17TH MARCH 1967 AT 17.40 HRS FROM KATHMANDU BY RA FLIGHT  
NUMBER 013 IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF  
NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE'S SWORD TO NETAJI RESEARCH MUSEUM  
IN CALCUTTA (.) THE PARTY WILL LEAVE CALCUTTA FOR KARACHI ON  
MARCH 20TH (.) UNDERSTAND THAT THE NETAJI'S SWORD HAS ALREADY  
ARRIVED CALCUTTA CUSTOMS (.) PLEASE ACCORD THE VIPS MOST  
APPROPRIATE COURTESIES FACILITIES AND EXEMPTIONS AS ADMISSIBLE  
TO THE GUESTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND THEIR BAGGAGE  
INCLUDING THE SWORD ALLOWED CLEARANCE ~~FAST~~ EXPEDITIOUSLY (.)  
THESE FACILITIES SHOULD BE GRANTED TO THEM BOTH ON <sup>THEIR</sup> ARRIVAL  
IN AND DEPARTURE FROM CALCUTTA (.)

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Not to be telexed:-

Sd/-  
(A.C. Saldanha)  
Under Secretary,  
Central Board of Excise & Customs.

CENTRAL BOARD OF EXCISE & CUSTOMS

No. 6/31/67-Cus.IV.

New Delhi, the 14th March 1967.

Copy to the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri A.K.  
Damodaran) for information with reference to their letter No.  
C/551/4/67/JP dated the 10th March 1967

(A.C. Saldanha)  
Under Secretary, Central Board of Ex & Cus.

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WJ (S.N)  
17/3/67



S.M. (18)  
Ministry of External Affairs  
(East Asia Division)

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Since the Shah Nawaz Committee Report was published in 1956, demands have been made both in Parliament and elsewhere on several occasions that another Enquiry Committee be appointed. The suggestion for this was due to the fact that one of the members, Shri Suresh Chandra Bose, the brother of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, did not agree with the findings and submitted a dissentient report. The Government of India, however, have consistently taken the position that neither the dissentient report nor the evidence which Shri Bose had referred justified the view that the findings of the Commission required revision, and have, therefore, refused to order another enquiry. The last time such a request was made was in 1966 when press reports from Formosa suggesting that the Nationalist Chinese Government have set up a Committee provoked a Parliamentary Question on August 2, 1966, from Shri Chitta Basu. At that time, the Foreign Minister repeated that "it has been stated several times in Parliament that the Government of India have accepted the findings of the Netaji Enquiry Committee headed by Shri Shah Nawaz Khan". The present Short Notice Question has been provoked by the statement of Lt. General (Retired) Iwaichi Fujiwara, a Japanese army officer, who is now in India to present the sword which he claimed to have discovered in a curio shop in Tokyo. Lt. General Fujiwara in a press conference on Sunday was reported to have said that the Governments of India and Japan should hold a joint enquiry to resolve the mystery of the death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Unfortunately, however, no press report makes it clear what reasons the General has for doubting the accepted evidence of the Shah Nawaz Commission that Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose met his death in an air crash at Taihoku on 18th August, 1945. Without knowing more about General Fujiwara's reasons, it would not be proper on our part to agree to change the attitude which we have been taking for such a long time. Unless General Fujiwara brings forward concrete evidence to justify his demand, it does not seem necessary for us to change the present position. Even if General Fujiwara is able to convince the Government of India that there are grounds for re-opening the question and that there are mysterious aspects of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's death, Government will still have to conduct diplomatic conversations



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with the Government of Japan before any decision is reached. In this connection it may be mentioned that General Fujiwara's coming to India and his presentation of the sword to the Netaji Museum in Calcutta have all been done on his private initiative and that the Government of Japan have not taken any official interest in the matter. It is also pertinent to point out that General Fujiwara does not seem to have come forward as a witness before the Shah Nawaz Enquiry Committee and has also been silent on the subject so long. We do not know, therefore, whether at this moment he is merely playing to the gallery or whether he is making a serious suggestion. The question of forming an Indo-Japanese Enquiry Committee would, therefore, depend on two pre-conditions : (a) bringing forward new evidence either by Lt. General Fujiwara or the Netaji Research Bureau which would justify the appointment of a new enquiry team; and (b) negotiations with the Japanese Government for a joint enquiry.

For the immediate present we could continue to maintain that the Japanese General's statement does not contain anything new and that a new enquiry is not called for. (However, in view of the fact that the Forward Bloc is now represented in the West Bengal Government and this is a subject on which several opposition Members in the Lok Sabha might have strong views, we might have to face a campaign to revise the decision.)

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In October, 1966 our Embassy in Tokyo informed us that Lieut.-General(retired) Iwaichi Fujiwara of Japan and some of his friends who came in contact with Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose during World War II, had discovered in a curio shop the sword presented to Netaji at Singapore in 1943, by a Japanese well wisher. We were also informed that General Fujiwara and his associates wanted to present the sword to the Indian Embassy in Tokyo. We advised our Embassy to accept the sword and then send it to the Netaji Museum in Calcutta. The sword was formally presented to our Ambassador in Tokyo at an impressive function at the Chancery on February 17, 1967.

2. Soon after this, General Fujiwara had some plans of visiting India and it was decided that he would carry the sword to India and hand over to the Netaji Museum at Calcutta. The Netaji Research Bureau in Calcutta extended an invitation to General Fujiwara and the Government of India accorded all facilities and courtesies. The Government of West Bengal was instructed to send a representative to the airport to receive General Fujiwara. The sword was presented to the Netaji Museum by General Fujiwara on March 19, 1967 at a function presided over by the Governor of West Bengal, Miss Padmaja Naidu. An army brass band from Dinapur was especially sent to Calcutta to participate<sup>in</sup> the function.



It will thus be seen that every care was taken to treat ~~the~~ Netaji Subhas <sup>Chandra Bose's</sup> ~~weapon~~ <sup>sword</sup> with proper respect and honour. It was originally received by the accredited representative of our Government in Japan; at its presentation ceremony in Calcutta, the Governor of the State herself was present. The Army, as stated above, also provided a band free of charge. ~~by~~ <sup>the</sup> special honour and courtesies ~~were~~ extended to Gen. Fujiwara when he arrived in <sup>the</sup> Calcutta and special instructions issued for the custody of the ~~sword~~ <sup>sword</sup> indicate that the Govt. of India had been taking live and continuous interest in the matter from the very beginning. The allegation that the Government of India did not participate in this ceremony is <sup>without substance</sup> ~~therefore unfounded~~.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.403

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.403

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD APRIL, 1967

FUNCTION CONNECTED WITH PRESENTATION OF  
NETAJI'S SWORD TO NETAJI MUSEUM

QUESTION

No.403      SHRI SAMAR GUHA:      Will the Minister of  
External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a)      whether it is a fact that the sword of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was presented to Netaji Museum in Calcutta by Gen. Fujiwara of Japan on the 19th March, 1967;
- (b)      whether it is also a fact that no representative of the Central Government attended the function; and
- (c)      if so, the reasons therefor?

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ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI M.C. CHAGLA)

(a)      Yes, Sir. Lt. Gen. Iwaichi Fujiwara, retired Japanese Army Officer, and some of his friends who came in contact with Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose during World War II, had discovered in a curio shop in Japan the sword presented to Netaji at Singapore in 1943 by a Japanese well-wisher, and the same was brought to India by Lt. General Fujiwara and presented to the Netaji Museum in Calcutta.

(b)&(c): The sword was originally presented to the Indian Ambassador in Tokyo at an appropriate ceremony. The presentation ceremony at Calcutta was presided over by the Governor of West Bengal, Miss Padmaja Naidu. The Government of India had helped in the arrangements for the occasion.

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LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.228

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD APRIL, 1967.

PROBE INTO THE DEATH OF NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE

QUESTION

*NO.228	<u>SHRI MADHU LIMAYE:</u>	<u>SHRI SRINIVAS MISRA:</u>
	<u>SHRI RAM KISHAN GUPTA:</u>	<u>SHRI SAMAR GUHA:</u>
	<u>SHRI S. KUNDU:</u>	<u>SHRI MOHAN SWARUP:</u>
	<u>SHRI BAIDHAR BEHERA:</u>	

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement of the retired Japanese Lt. General Fujiwara, who was attached to the I.N.A. about a probe into the circumstances surrounding the 'death' of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose;
- (b) whether Government propose to take the initiative in setting up a Joint Indo-Japanese probe team; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI M.C. CHAGLA)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) It will be recalled that an Official Enquiry Committee was appointed in 1956 to investigate the facts relating to the reported death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. The Committee, after examining all the evidence, had presented a report which established that Netaji had actually died in an air accident in 1945. The Government are convinced that the report is accurate and there is no need for further enquiry. Lt. General Fujiwara has not come forward with any new facts.



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5 <sup>spare</sup> Record clippings/newspapers in connection with the above subject is/are placed below. As this is/ these are our record clippings/newspapers and is/are frequently required for reference in the Unit, the same may kindly be returned to us as soon as done with along with this slip.

\* The Unit does not subscribe to language dailies. As such for translation of Bengali news Calcutta office may please be contacted.

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(S. C. BHARAMI) 29/3  
(A. R. LAUMAS)

Assistant Information Officer

To Shri B. P. Agarwal, Under Secretary, Min of Ext. Affairs  
(Through Shri K. S. Ramanathan. I.O.)

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Shri B. P. Agarwal, U.S. Min<sup>r</sup> of External Affairs

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## Indo-Japan probe on Netaji death urged

BY A STAFF REPORTER

Lt. General Iwaichi Fujiwara, one-time head of the Japanese liaison department with the Indian National Army, on Saturday suggested the appointment of a high-powered commission with Indian and Japanese members to solve the mystery shrouding Netaji's death in a plane-crash on August 18, 1945.

General Fujiwara, who arrived in Calcutta on Friday to hand over Netaji's sword to Netaji Research Bureau, told newsmen that Japanese people would most cordially welcome such ventures as might unearth the truth about Netaji.

The greatness of Netaji, he said, was beyond question and no controversy over his death should be allowed to continue. Netaji loved his country more than anything else and his countrymen could fulfil his hopes by combining in them his spiritual and moral qualities.

Though he was not present on the scene of the reported accident, he was sure Netaji was on his way to the USSR where he wanted to consolidate his forces after the unconditional surrender of Japan, on August 15, 1945. The Japanese Government could not supply any detailed information about the accident at the time because the entire country was then in a state of turmoil and nervous tension and most of the senior army officers were in prison.

The sword, which will be handed over to Netaji Research Bureau by General Fujiwara at a ceremonial function at Netaji Bhavan today (Sunday), was presented to Netaji when he visited Japan in October, 1943, after proclaiming the establishment of the Provisional Govern-

ment of Azad Hind. The presentation was made through the good offices of the late Mr. Mitsuru Toyama, the grand old man of Japan's political life.

It was a gift from a Japanese friend of India, Mr. Shichihei Isono of Fukuoka of South Japan.

Earlier in the morning, General Fujiwara placed floral tributes on Netaji's statue in front of Raj Bhavan. Chief Minister Mr. Ajoy Kumar Mukherjee and PWD Minister Mr. Hemanta Kumar Bose also offered flowers.

### CM's TRIBUTE

Paying his tributes to Netaji, Chief Minister Mr. Mukherjee described him as a great soldier in the struggle for freedom of the motherland, whose contribution to India's independence was unparalleled in history.

He said the people of India would enshrine the inspiring example shown by their beloved leader in their memory.

Mr. Hemanta Kumar Basu said Netaji was the greatest revolutionary in India's freedom struggle who gave a new life to the Indian people. They should be guided by his ideals in order to solve the various difficult problems facing the country today.



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Lt. Col. Iwaichi Fujiwara, formerly of the Indian National Army, placing a wreath at the Netaji statue on Calcutta Maidan on Saturday.

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## Fujiwara suggests Indo-Japanese co-operation on Netaji probe

By A Staff Reporter

Lt. General Fujiwara of Japan said on Saturday that there should be Indo-Japanese co-operation in finding out the truth about the reported death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the Taipeh air crash on August 18, 1945. He was addressing a Press conference at Netaji Bhavan.

Lt. General Fujiwara said, that an all-India-based commission or committee should be formed to probe the matter. The personnel of the committee or Commission should be approved by the people. He was sure that Japanese people would fully co-operate in such an inquiry.

The Japanese General headquarters, Lt. General Fujiwara said, only briefly announced the death of Netaji along with several Japanese generals. He agreed that more details of the accident should have been given. But, he explained, following the unconditional Japanese surrender, there was a "terrible confusion" in Japan as it was the first time Japan was defeated in a war. All responsible officers of Japan were under arrest and for nearly seven years thereafter General MacArthur was in full control of Japan. It was, therefore, not possible for Japan to furnish details of the accident. He agreed that Japan had responsibility to furnish details of the air crash and the reported death of Netaji.

The Lt. General said that after the unconditional surrender of Japan on August 15 Netaji asked the Japanese Government to take him to Soviet Russia. Accordingly, as he was being flown to Manchuria from Bangkok his plane crashed at Taipeh (Formosa).

The Lt. General, who was the first head of the liaison department of the Japanese Army with the Indian National Army, said that Netaji formed the I.N.A. with cream of the Indians in South East Asia. But he was head and shoulder above other Indians in all respects. Netaji's eyes were full of "mysterious affection" and wisdom and a strong determination was reflected in them. After the Japanese capitulation Netaji embraced him and thanked him heartily for helping him in organising the I.N.A.

Asked about his impression of Netaji, Lt. General Fujiwara said that after the surrender of Japan a British Captain asked him in a Camp at Singapore about Netaji and he told him Netaji was a man of high calibre, a born leader and man like him was born only once in a century. The Lt. General still held the same opinion about Netaji.

### Statue garlands

Earlier in the morning Lt. General Fujiwara, who retired from the Japanese Army in 1966, and is now holding post of the Executive director of Japan National Foreign Affairs Foundation, at a "ceremony garlanded the massive statue of Netaji in Mayo Road. Placing a huge garland he stood with folded hands for two minutes.

The State Chief Minister, Mr. Ajoy Kumar Mukherjee, speaking on the occasion said that Netaji was one of the greatest generals of the world and was the great revolutionary leader of the Indian freedom struggle.

Lt. General Fujiwara said that the statute reminded him of his great leadership of the I.N.A. during the difficult days of the war. He was great in all respects.

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Lt. General Iwaichi Fujiwara, one-time head of the Japanese liaison department with the Indian National Army, now in Calcutta, is offering floral tribute at the base of Netaji's statue in front of Raj Bhavan, Calcutta, on Saturday morning. He has come to the city to hand over Netaji's sword to Netaji Research Bureau. Report on page 7. Photo Patrika.



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Lt. General Fujiwara showing Netaji's sword which was presented to the Netaji Research Bureau at Netaji Bhawan function on Sunday, West Bengal Governor Miss Padmaja Naidu, who presided, is also seen in the picture.

## Thousands throng to see Netaji's sword

By A STAFF REPORTER

In an atmosphere charged with emotion Lt. General Iwaichi Fujiwara, Executive Director, Japan National Foreign Affairs Foundation formally presented the sword of Netaji to Netaji Museum in Calcutta on Sunday. Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose, Executive Director, Netaji Research Bureau received the relic on behalf of the Museum.

Hundreds of people, who had been drawn to the Netaji Bhawan by the magic spell of Netaji's name also shared their feelings.

With the Indian Army Band playing martial music Netaji Bhawan and its surroundings lent an air of dignity while men, women and children looked at the sword haloed with the touch of India's greatest leader—the people's Netaji.

A touching scene was witnessed as tears rolled down the cheeks of Lt. General Fujiwara and Mr. Bose when they hugged each other. Lights were switched off for two minutes to show a slide depicting Netaji holding the sword.

Sm. Padmaja Naidu, Governor of West Bengal, who presided described Netaji as the "synthesis of Swami Vivekananda and Ramakrishna Deva's teachings." Netaji was inspired by their ideals and which gave him a new vision, inseparable from the task he undertook.

Netaji felt it was only through service to humanity that one could achieve self-realisation. His conception of service to humanity was the widest envisaging guaranteed and co-ordinated endeavour towards national reconstruction, Sm. Naidu added.

### SYMBOL OF STRENGTH

Describing Netaji as India's greatest revolutionary, the Governor said that the sword would be looked upon not merely as a weapon of destruction but as a symbol of strength for defeating the evil and defending the right. The sword would remind the people of that part of India's freedom movement associated with the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

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Lt. General Fujiwara  
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## Thousands throng to see Netaji's sword

She expressed her gratitude to the people of Japan not only for their gift of the sword but for many other things which were contributing a great deal towards India's development.

Lt. General Iwachi Fujiwara said that sentiments of respect and affection of the people of Japan for Netaji would remain as fresh and deep as our feelings of cordiality to the people of India. The sword was an offering made to Netaji by a Japanese well-wisher in 1943 with an ardent prayer for the success of his struggle for the liberation of his motherland. Netaji cherished it as a symbol of sincerity of the people of Japan, he added.

Lt. General Fujiwara, one time head of the Japanese Liaison department with the Indian National Army, who was visibly moved on the occasion said, "Here is the sword which the great Netaji cherished. Please accept it and the warm feelings of the Japanese people which it carries."

Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose in his welcome speech pointed out that the sword would remain forever as a living symbol of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose which would remind

the people the valour and heroism of Indian youth.

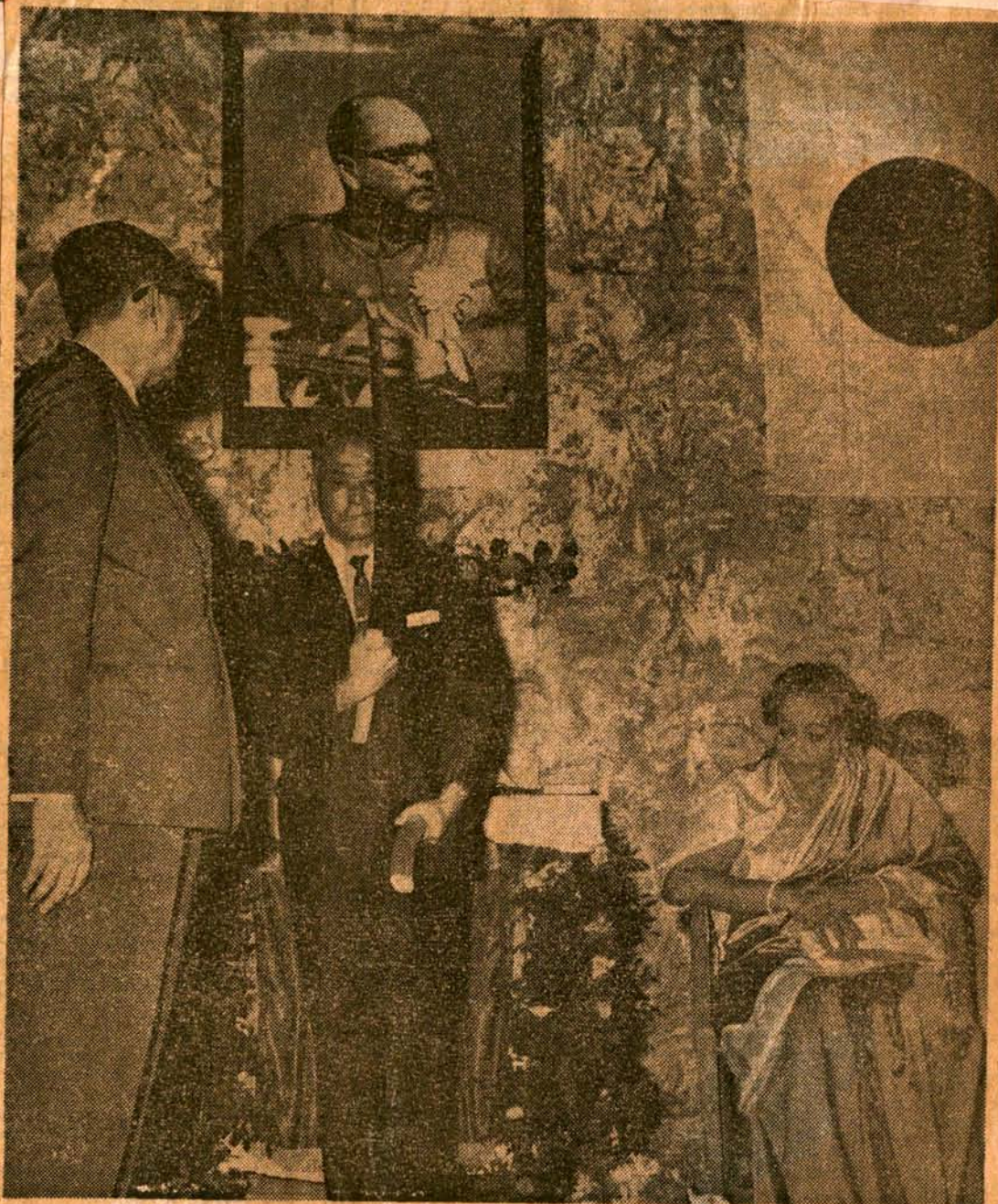
He gratefully acknowledged the wonderful support of the Japanese people for India's freedom fighter Netaji.

The meeting over, people formed in queue to see the sword. Mr. S. A. Ayer proposed a vote of thanks.

Among others present were Chief Minister Mr. Ajoy Kumar Mukherjee, PWD Minister Mr. Hemanta Kumar Bose, Major General M. G. Dewan and Mrs. Dewan, Mr. I. Kabatani, Consul General of Japan in Calcutta, Mr. Amiya Bose, M.P., Mr. Balraj Modhak, President, Bharatiya Jan Sangh and Mr. Jagannath Kolay, M.L.A.



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Lt. Gen. Fujiwara holding Netaji's sword taken out of the sheath after the presentation ceremony at Netaji Bhavan on Sunday. The Governor, Miss Padmaja Naidu, who presided, is seated at right and Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose, who accepted the sword on behalf of Netaji Research Bureau, is standing at left.

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## Sword out of sheath

By A Staff Reporter

AS a thousand voices cried 'Netaji Zindabad' and drums thundered, Lt. General Iwaichi Fujiwara of Japan National Foreign Affairs Foundation, ceremoniously handed over Netaji's sword to Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose at Netaji Bhavan on Sunday. The General brought out the sword out of the sheath and in the bright light it seemed the sword had been used the other day.

The Governor, Miss Padmaja Naidu, in a neat little speech, described Netaji as the "greatest of our revolutionaries". She asked all to follow the Japanese inscriptions on the sword, 'destroy evil and establish justice.' She was thankful to Japan for the assistance in various fields she extended to this country.

The General spoke in Japanese which was immediately rendered into English by Mr. Telu Sasaki. In his speech, he remembered his association with Netaji and narrated his experience in search of the sword.

Mr. S. A. Ayer proposed a vote of thanks—and earlier Dr. Sisir Bose welcomed all. The Chief Minister, Mr. Ajoy Mukherjee, the PWD Minister, Mr. Hemanta Kumar Bose, the Union Minister of State, Mrs. Phulrenu Guha, Major General Dewan, Mr. Arniya Bose, M.P., Dr. Ramesh Majumder and the Japanese Consul were present among others.

The Indian Army Band played Japanese, INA and Indian national anthems. The function over a picture of Netaji holding the naked sword was projected on a screen.



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The Deputy Principal Information Officer,  
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Sir,

I am directed to say that Bengali newspapers of Calcutta carried press reports regarding the presentation of the sword of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose by Lt. General Iwaichi Fujiwara, a retired Japanese army officer. The presentation ceremony was held at Netaji Bhavan, Calcutta, on the 19th March, 1967. It is requested that translations of press reports on the subject from Bengali dailies of Calcutta may kindly be sent to this Ministry urgently.

Yours faithfully,

*B.P. Agarwal*  
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Under Secretary to the Government of India  
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The English translation of the press reports of Bengali papers regarding the presentation by Lt. General Iwaichi Fujiwara, of the sword of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and the English translation of a letter on the subject are enclosed herewith.

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The issues of all Bengali dailies dated 20.3.67 published detailed report of the Netaji's sword-presentation ceremony at Netaji Research Bureau in Calcutta. According to these reports

On Sunday March 19 evening amidst shouts "Long live Netaji," "Netaji, please come back", "Long live I.N.A." and with bands and pipes playing on, Lt. General Fujiwara presented the sword of Netaji to the Netaji Museum. Dr. Sisir Kumar Basu received the same on behalf of Netaji Research Bureau.

The ceremony was presided over by Smt. Padmaja Naidu, Governor of West Bengal, who called Netaji as the greatest revolutionary. Smt. Naidu exhorted all to follow the message inscribed on the sword in Japanese - "Annihilate the wrong and establish justice." She explained that the sword was the emblem of strength to destroy the wrong and to protect justice.

"Though twenty years have elapsed", said Lt. General Fujiwara "still the affection and reverence of the Japanese for Netaji have not been diluted. It is a matter of satisfaction that, with the passage of time, the friendship between India and Japan is gradually being strengthened."

According to Fujiwara, a Japanese admirer of Netaji had presented him the sword which became Netaji's companion since the time he went to the southern front of the Asian theatre of the second world war. For a long time a search for the sword was on. It was only in last autumn, it was discovered.

Among the dignitaries present at the ceremony were the Chief Minister Shri Ajoy Kumar Mukherjee, the Public Works Minister Shri Hemanta Kumar Basu, Union Minister of State Smt. Phulrenu Guha, the famous historian Shri Ramesh Chandra Muzumder and Shri Amiya Nath Basu, M.P.



The Dainik Basumati (20/3/67) published a letter from Shri Satish Chandra Maikap, Calcutta-26. The English translation of the letter is given here.

The report that the Japanese Government would very soon present Netaji's sword to India, has generated a new spirit and fresh enthusiasm not only in Bengal but also in the whole of India. It is needless to mention that we are grateful to Japan. This sword being the symbol of the highest honour is a rare and priceless national treasure. It is the greatest emblem of the ordeal and endeavour made for the liberation of India -- the living proof of great heroism and unprecedented patriotism. The sword should be so exhibited as to be easily visible not only to the people of India or Asia, but to the people of all independent and independence -- loving countries of the world. From this point of view, it would be proper, I think, to keep the sword along with one full-figured statue of Netaji, in the dress of the General of I.N.A., in a very prominent area in the hall in Red Fort which contains the pictures of the Generals of British India and which is the museum of weapons used in those days.

It can be hoped that Netaji's sword, when received in India would be exhibited in the Netaji Bhavan in Calcutta and in different towns and cities of India, and later on sent by the President to the above mentioned place in Red Fort with due military pomp and grandeur.

It is a very important task to utilise this opportunity of honouring Netaji who is the greatest soldier and servant of India; more so, after the fight with China and Pakistan. The Government of India is guilty of its failure to properly honour to Netaji, can now utilise this opportunity.

It is also necessary to accurately determine how Netaji's sword was handed over to the Jap Government and how the so-called ashes of Netaji reached Rencoji temple. All the information that could be collected should be placed before <sup>the supreme</sup> tribunal of the country.

Fully conscious of the role of "Netaji Research Bureau," I would like to invite the attention of the heads of the Governments of West Bengal and India for necessary action in this regard.



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Extract from Weekly letter No. TOK/101/2/67 dated 21-2-67 from our Ambassador in Tokyo, Shri Badr-ud-Din Tyabji :-

"11. This morning, there was a ceremony at the Chancery to receive the sword which had been given by Japanese admirers to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in 1943, on behalf of the Japan National Foreign Affairs Foundation and other friends of India.

Mr. Okinori Kaya, ex-Finance Minister, was to have formally delivered the sword, but as Parliament is in session, he was unable to come, and the former Japanese Ambassador to India, Mr. Seiji Yoshizawa, acted in his place.

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A brief address was read out, giving the history of sword, and expressing friendly sentiments on the occasion of this restoration of a ~~symbolic~~ *symbolic* relic of Netaji to the Indian people. Among those present were General I Fujiwara of the old Japanese Imperial Army, who was an associate of Netaji; and some 15 other prominent Japanese, including Mr. Den Takase, former Chairman of the Diet Foreign Affairs Committee (cf: para. 13 of Weekly Letter No. 35/65) and Mr. Ichiro Yeshioka of the Gaimusho's Asian Affairs Bureau.

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**Reception to  
Netaji's sword**

CALCUTTA, Oct 27 (PTI)—The sword of Netaji Subhashchandra Bose, brought here from Japan in April last, would be given a reception at a ceremony in New Delhi at the end of November or in early December. Mr Amiyanath Bose, MP, nephew of Netaji, said here today.

Mr Bose said that an all-party parliamentary committee for the reception was being formed for this purpose.





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N. Vittal,  
Under Secretary.

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Dear Shri Deo,

I enclose herewith a copy of the letter received by the Home Minister from Shri M.L. Sondhi, Convenor of the All-Party Parliamentary Committee for Reception of Netaji's Sword.

2. We shall be grateful to have the comments of your Ministry immediately.

Yours sincerely,

N. Vittal

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Shri A.R. Deo,  
Deputy Secretary,  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
NEW DELHI.



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ALL PARTY PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE  
FOR RECEPTION OF NETAJI'S SWORD.

Convenor: Prof.M.L.Sondhi, for  
Member of Parliament/New Delhi.

14, Meena Bagh,  
New Delhi.

My dear Shri Chavan,

You are aware that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's influence has worked to unite this country against fissiparous tendencies. His unequalled record of service of the motherland takes on a fresh significance today when he serves as a beacon light to our efforts to achieve political modernisation by reconciling our tradition and the modern scientific outlook.

2. The advent of his sword to India from Japan has fired the imagination of all men and women of good will who find in Netaji a full manifestation of India's achievement motive. The sword was formally received in Calcutta few months back. We are now taking steps to bring the sword to Delhi. We would like the people of the capital city, men, women and children, to have an opportunity to witness Netaji's sword in the appropriate setting of the Red Fort.

We expect the sword to reach Delhi towards the end of November and we trust the people of Delhi will rise equal to the occasion to show their abiding love and respect for Netaji.

I shall be most grateful if you will kindly indicate your support to the project of bringing Netaji's sword to Delhi. I shall be glad to have your views on the most appropriate way in which the Capital city should receive and do honour to Netaji's sword.

Yours sincerely,

(M.L.Sondhi)

Shri Y.B. Chavan,  
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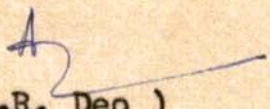
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I am writing this with  
reference to your letter  
No. 20921/67 dated nil,  
and to say that the Ministry  
of External Affairs have no  
comments to offer.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
( A.R. Deo )

Shri N. Vittal,  
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